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RIDDLEBERGER *v.* COMMONWEALTH.

Nov. 14, 1918.

[97 S. E. 310.]

1. Seduction (§ 46*)—Corroboration of Prosecutrix—Evidence.—

To sustain a conviction for seduction under promise of marriage, evidence corroborating prosecutrix, within Code 1904, § 3679, need not be direct, but may be circumstantial, or partly direct and partly circumstantial, and it need be such only as the character of the issue admits of being furnished; it being sufficient if facts are supplied tending to support the testimony on the essential elements of the offense.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 2 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 818; 12 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 130.]

2. Seduction (§ 46*)—Criminal Responsibility—Corroborating Evidence.—In a prosecution for seduction under promise of marriage, evidence corroborating prosecutrix is insufficient to support a conviction, wherever such evidence is as consistent with the conclusion that there was no promise of marriage as with the conclusion that there was such a promise.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 2 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 819.]

3. Seduction (§ 46*)—Criminal Responsibility—Evidence—Promise of Marriage.—In a prosecution for seduction, evidence required under Code 1904, § 3679, held not to support the testimony of prosecutrix that there was a promise of marriage.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 12 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 130, 131.]

Appeal from Circuit Court, Shenandoah County.

John W. Riddleberger was convicted of seduction, and he appeals. Reversed.

Walton & Walton, of Woodstock, and *C. B. Guyer*, of Strasburg, for appellant.

The Attorney General, for the Commonwealth.

TOWN OF STRASBURG *v.* CHANDLER et al.

Nov. 14, 1918.

[97 S. E. 313.]

1. Municipal Corporations (§ 42*)—Location—Evidence.—In absence of proof to contrary, tracing of map of town of Strasburg, made in 1847, held properly to be regarded as fixing, by preponderance of evidence, the location of the town contemplated by its act of incorporation (Acts 1855-56, c. 265).

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 10 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 160.]

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2. Municipal Corporations (§ 42*)—Location—Extension of Territory—Evidence—Maps.—Evidence held to show that the "McInturff" survey of town of Strasburg was made at the instance of the town council in the early '80's, prior to passage of Acts 1883-84, c. 556, amending charter of town to provide that as heretofore laid off, etc., it should continue to be a body politic, so that limits of town were extended.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 10 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 169.]

3. Municipal Corporations (§ 42*)—Location of Boundaries—Statute Requiring Platting.—Whether council of town of Strasburg made or failed to make plat of lots, streets, and alleys required by Code 1904, § 1014, could not have affected in any way property owners claiming their lands lay without the town, and suing for taxes paid and to enjoin further taxes.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 10 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 233; 14 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 756.]

4. Municipal Corporations (§ 42*)—Survey and Plat—Duty of Council—Directory Statutes.—Code 1904, § 1014, and other acts directing council of every city and town to make survey and plat thereof showing lots, streets, and alleys, are directory only.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 12 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 776.]

5. Municipal Corporations (§ 29 (1)*)—Annexation of Territory—Statute.—Acts 1883-84, c. 556, amending charter of town of Strasburg, and providing town as heretofore laid off, and as it might hereafter be extended, should continue to be body politic, annexed new territory to the town, using language sufficient to embrace and definitely locate annexed territory, though not expressly declaring purpose.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 10 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 166-7.]

6. Municipal Corporations (§ 29 (1)*)—Annexation of Territory—Legislative Power.—In absence of constitutional provision to contrary, it is competent for Legislature to annex new territory to a town, regardless of any consent by owners of territory affected.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 10 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 161-2; 16 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 944.]

Appeal from Circuit Court, Shenandoah County.

Suit by F. H. Chandler and another against the Town of Strasburg. From decree for plaintiffs, defendant appeals. Reversed, and decree entered dissolving injunction and dismissing the bill.

C. B. Guyer, of Strasburg, for appellant.

Tavener & Bauserman, of Woodstock, for appellees.

*For other cases see same topic and KEY-NUMBER in all Key-Numbered Digests and Indexes.